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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the amendments made herein, and consideration of its remarks set forth below:

▪ **Location of Specified Sections for Scanning**

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| I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS | Pages 2 – 3 |
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• **Request for Entrance of Preliminary Amendment**

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, and the remarks set forth below be considered prior to examination of the application on its merits.

• **Format of this Response**

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Only one version of the claims with markings to show changes are provided in accordance with such regulation (underlining to show additions and strike-through marks or [[]] (for deletion of five or less characters) to indicate deleted material). A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were in the application, delineated as either (Original), (Currently Amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), or (Not entered), are presented . A complete listing of the claims commence on a separate sheet

of this document with the text of “canceled” or “not entered” claims not being presented as set forth in the revised rules. Withdrawn claims and claims unamended are shown without mark-up. Concurrent “canceled” or “not entered” claims may be aggregated.

If a substitute specification is submitted herein, a clean form and marked-up version are included. Amendments to drawings, if any, are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 on replacement sheets as an attachment to this document (with an accompanying detailed explanation of all of the changes with respect to the drawings made in the remarks section of this amendment.